Lilingis

(c. 492)

BRIEFING

Lilingis (died 492) was a governor of Isauria under the reign of the emperor Zeno.

BIOGRAPHY

Life

Lilingis was the half-brother of the influential Isaurian general Illus. In 484, he was given command of an army by Zeno and charged with putting down a revolt against the emperor by Illus. He was ostensibly successful in this, becoming governor of Isauria shortly thereafter.

Upon the death of Zeno in 491, Lilingis and his fellow Isaurians revolted against the new emperor Anastasius, inciting the Isaurian War.

The Battle of Cotyaeum

The **Battle of Cotyaeum** (modern Kütahya) of 492 CE was a major engagement is the Isaurian War fought in Phrygia Epictetus. The future Byzantine emperor Justin I was present at the battle as a subordinate commander.

In 2015 a mass grave containing around sixty skeletons was found in Kütahya, believed to be of Roman date. Investigations are ongoing as to whether these skeletons are victims of the Isaurian War or the Battle of Cotyaeum.

Death

He was killed when the Isaurian rebels were routed by the Byzantine Empire at the Battle of Cotyaeum in 492.